(e) the steps being taken by Government to increase the export of commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles to other parts of the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The value of export of Automobiles and Automobile parts during the last three years is as under:

(*Value in Rs. Crores*)

Name of the Commodity	Year		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03*
Automobiles	1659.64	1427.64	2113.27
Automobile parts	1839.10	1938.56	2066.56

*April 2002-February '03 Source: EEPC

(c) and (d) Export of automobiles (commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles) has increased during the year 2002-03 (April-February) in comparison with that of last year.

(e) Export of all products including those of the commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles are supported by the Government through various schemes namely; Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme and Market Development Assistance Scheme.

Tasks Force for restructuring of Sea Food Industry

2244. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea food industry has approached his Ministry with a request to set up a Task force to study the restructuring proposal submitted by it;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) the action contemplated by his Ministry thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) With the approval of the Ministry of Commerce, the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) had appointed the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata to formulate a Plan on restructuring the financing pattern of seafood processing and export industry and its infrastructural requirement. The study *inter-alia* recommended the creation of a Reconstruction Fund to meet these objectives.

(c) Government have examined the suggestion for the creation of the Reconstruction Fund for the seafood industry. However it has not been found possible to support/accept the proposal.

Export of Shrimp to US

2245. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 718 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2003 and state the steps taken by Government to ensure that export of shrimp to US does not suffer on account of patent or other WTO obligations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): The exports of shrimp from India to the U.S.A. are not likely to suffer on account of patent or other WTO obligations. In fact, there is a steady increase of shrimp exports to U.S.A.

Import of fresh garlic

2246. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fresh garlic is being imported regularly;

(b) if so, the details of the import during the last three years, also names of the exporting countries and the importing agencies; and

(c) the steps taken to regulate import to save domestic growers of garlic?